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Director
Office of Child Care
330 C ST SW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the childcare needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians currently operates a voucher program for qualifying families. Many of our working families are considered “essential workers” and have been requesting childcare assistance, we have planned to set aside funds to support the “essential workers”.
- Beginning in February 2021 the Tribe will provide additional support to families and waive co-pays for those who are experiencing financial hardship due to the pandemic.
- To offer additional support to families that are required to quarantine due to pandemic the Tribe will continue to pay for days that the child is not in care.

2. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- The Tribe will offer mini grants to Tribal Programs that offer services to families. Specially programs that concentrate on language revitalization and education.
- We plan to offer small grants to childcare homes that have school age children in care who are on distant learning. Providers can use grants to purchase materials needed to ensure that children have sufficient resources to participate in distant learning.



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3. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- Due to the pandemic and the increasing numbers within our county and neighboring counties the Tribe has experienced a decrease in licensed family home care. Our staff has been working diligently seeking alternative care providers. I am happy to say we have welcomed a handful of new providers to our program since the pandemic began. We our plan is to continue to seek alternative providers and provide incentives to providers. Incentives will include Educational Materials that can be used at their homes and centers.
- **Other**
The Tribe is exploring purchasing a small shed that will allow storage of Health and Safety products for our providers. The Tribe has purchased hand sanitizers, thermometers, and soaps. We are currently exploring handwashing stations and health and safety kits that will be disturbed to all childcare homes and centers.

The Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

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/s/

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Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians

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